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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Dominican Republic Situation Report
(As of 8:30 PM, EST)

1. President Garcia Godoy has informed the US Embassy that six middle level "constitutionalist" officers will leave Santo Domingo this evening and will arrive in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 10:45 PM. The departure of Caamano and Montes Arache, the major "constitutionalist" military leaders, does not appear to be imminent since the Provisional Government has now cancelled the reservations they held to fly to Puerto Rico on 12 January. The only remaining "constitutionalist" who is scheduled for an overseas assignment—Mario Pena Taveras—has been granted a temporary delay for personal reasons.

2. The regular military has not	yet commented
officially on this development.	•
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Diaz' official status in the armed forces has been in doubt since before the April revolution and, even though he was a leading Caamano military supporter, he was not included among the 34 "constitutionalist" and regular military leaders who were given overseas assignments.

4. The "general" strike, which was scheduled to last through tomorrow, is being cancelled.

This is an obvious face-saving measure by the strike's promoters, who have not achieved any of their stated goals--punishment of the regular military, cancellation of the reassignment orders of the "constitutionalist" military, and removal of all foreign troops. The strike's promoters may well feel that their cause has been lost with this morning's publication of

5. While it lasted, the strike was only partially effective in the capital and hardly noticeable elsewhere in the country. In Santo Domingo today, several government-controlled industries and government offices closed down, either because their employees officially joined the strike or had stayed home to avoid trouble. Workers were expected to leave their jobs early today as reports of disturbances spread.

Garcia Godoy's intention to begin the removal of some

of the "constitutionalist" military.

6. Sporadic demonstrations, violence, and shooting were reported from Santo Domingo. As has become customary, small groups congregated at different points in the city, burning tires, throwing garbage, disrupting traffic, and firing at military personnel and police. One, and possibly two, Dominicans were killed by US members of the IAPF. So far, extremists have not attempted to capitalize on shooting incidents involving US personnel in order to stir anti-US feelings.

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